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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

A.) INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Office Action"), please enter the following amendments in the above-referenced application. This Response is being submitted after the three-month shortened statutory period set for response, but pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.7 is timely submitted within five months of the mailing date of the Office Action. Therefore, applicant hereby requests a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action. Payment for a two-month extension of time has been enclosed herewith to make this Response timely.

This Response is being submitted in compliance with the format announced in the Pre-OG Notice entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted" issued by the Office of Patent Legal Administration on January 31, 2003, and may not comply with the those provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121 that have been expressly waived by that Notice.